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At Government Civil Hospital, Hongkong, on 19th April, A. W. EBERER, editor, Hongkong Telegraph.

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The peculiar tactics which were adopted by the Liberal Government in the recent crisis, when they found themselves dependent upon the Nationalists and the Labour Party in order to maintain a slender majority in the House of Commons, and so remain a short time longer in power, certainly seem to give countenance to the idea so eagerly taken up by a certain class of publicists that of late years there has been a falling off in sterling qualities of justice and fairplay which have hitherto characterised the British nation. We have never been among those—of the Keir Hardy stamp—who are ever ready to proclaim what they consider as the faults of their countrymen in order to demonstrate how far superior they themselves are to the bulk of their fellow-citizens. People are by this time pretty familiar with this kind of cheap invective, and it is fortunately beginning to have less effect than it had at one time, at least upon those who are in the habit of taking common-sense and straightforward views in place of indulging in high-sounding but for the most part empty generalities. At the same time it is impossible for any impartial observer not to be struck with the

evidences which have of late been manifested of an apparent falling-off in the standard of honour and good faith, which, at all events in theory, have hitherto been claimed as characteristic of British public life. When it is unblushingly declared by the head of the Government that he will bring forward his measures in specific order, not such as will tend to the public weal but as will either force the nation to allow him to remain a little longer in power, or embarrass his successors by leaving to them the finances in a disorganised state, as was deliberately done with respect to the Budget and the Lords "Veto" Bill, it may fairly be questioned whether anything at all of the old feeling of honour and patriotism which have hitherto been supposed to characterise British public life can be considered to remain. Yet such is the phase which public affairs at Home have of late assumed. The whole efforts of the Government have been directed to maintain their own position, and any tactics which may attain that end have been considered not merely justifiable but worthy of admiration as high strategy. It is perhaps in the latter direction that the change is most noticeable. We all know the lengths to which party spirit has been carried in former days—as, for instance, during the Walpole times—but if some public men were unscrupulous then they at least found it necessary to make profession that their only motive was the public good. They could hope to be listened to on no other plea. At the present day men who command the ear of vast numbers do not scruple to declare that they are prepared to adopt measures which will clearly be to the public detriment if they are not allowed to have their way in the line of action (possibly little less to the public detriment) which commends itself to the particular Parliamentary groups who will give them their support. The Liberal Government was quite willing to force the veto question forward, not because the measure was of general benefit to the nation, but because the passage of such a measure would probably facilitate passing the Home Rule Bill through the House of Lords, upon which terms only could the Liberals rely upon obtaining the support of the Nationalists to the Budget and to the socialistic measures by which they hoped to continue to command the support of the Labour members. Such tactics may possibly be strategy, but they are certainly a kind of strategy new to the British public, and it is an astounding thing that papers of high standing and influence should have been found not merely to excuse but to applaud action of such a character. *Fiat injustitia, ruat cælum*, is surely the motto of those who give their unqualified approval to action of this kind—a strange perversion of the old principle, which was supposed to govern the actions of public men. That the above was the object in view could not be doubted; and indeed it was openly declared by the chief organ of the Nationalists as being the motive which induced Mr. Rosebery to make use of his unique position to force the Government to this line of action. The real truth of the matter is that Party tactics have been worked up to a point which threatens to make representative government as little representative of the real feelings of the nation as the worst form of government that has ever succeeded in maintaining arbitrary action. The men who get power into their hands are no longer those who are best able to provide for the true wants of the nation—much less of the Empire—but those who can best succeed in adroitly handling the various factions into which the House of Commons has become split—each of which factions is seeking its own ends regardless of what injury may be inflicted upon the country as a whole. Such a spectacle is certainly not an encouraging one, and it is curious that it should come about at a time when there has been a great movement in favour of representative institutions in parts of the world, China among them, where anything of the kind might have been thought impossible. This movement has been generally hailed as a great advance, but some doubt on the subject may be excusable, when we have such an object lesson as has recently been presented to us, as to what the best form of Government that has ever been devised may lead under certain circumstances. The present state of affairs is the best proof of the absolute necessity of a second chamber, and yet this is the time when some extremists are clamouring for its abolition.

The Siberian mail of the 29th March was delivered in London on the 19th inst.

The heavy rain of yesterday drove off the crowd of coolies who leave the Post Office buying a dollar's worth of stamps.

Mrs. Williams, Lit. Bach., has been appointed headmistress of Victoria British School.

The Hongkong Chinese newspaper, *Shung Po*, which has been in liquidation, has been purchased by Mr. Fung Si Wan.

H. M. S. *Alacrity*, with Vice-Admiral Sir Alfred Leigh Winslow, K.C.B., on board, arrived in Shanghai last Friday and took up her moorings at the Senior Naval Barge.

Mr. W. J. Russell, Government marine surveyor, leaves for Home to-day by the German mail. Prior to his departure he was presented by friends in the Kowloon Bowling Club with a gold pendant.

Tea growing continues to be a remunerative business in Java. Eight companies, says the *Batavia Nieuwsblad*, have just declared dividends for 1909. The *Yanasuka Company* leads the list with 23 per cent, followed by the *Pasir Salam* and *Malabar* companies with 20 per cent. each. The other distributions range from 15 to 5 per cent.

L'Avenir du Tonkin publishes a very pessimistic leader concerning the future of Indo-China, in which attention is drawn to the past and future prospects of the country. Some very good advice is tendered, but whether it will ever be acted upon is a question which time alone can tell. The article in question is timely and bears evidence of careful consideration.

A deep-sea fishing junk put into Shankwan last night, and the police signals were hoisted. On boarding the crew reported what appears to be a wholesale case of fish poisoning. Three men were dead, six seriously ill, and all the others suffering in a more or less mild form. The Water Police were summoned, and a launch conveyed the invalids to hospital and towed the junk to Tsimshatsui.

A Saigon paper, *L'Opinion*, complains of repeated interruptions lately in the undersea cable which connects that town with Haiphong. This cable is maintained by a British Company which receives yearly 300,000 francs from the Colonial Treasury for the service. The last interruption caused such inconvenience that an agitation was aroused for using the 300,000 francs in laying a land line to connect the two ports.

The old story of larceny by a trick was reported to the Police on Tuesday night. A man and a boy accosted a woman in Queen's Road Central, told her they had found a bundle of bank notes, and offered her a consideration if she would take them to a money-changer and get their equivalent in silver. She agreed, and deposited money and jewellery to the value of \$350 as a guarantee of good faith. At the money-changer's she found one note rolled in a bundle of paper, and hastening back to the quarter where she had left the confidence men, found that they had departed.

A Chinese George Washington made his appearance before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday. He was charged with failing to lime-wash his premises, and when asked to plead said, "I can't tell your Worship a lie." The Magistrate imposed a small fine. A second defendant, when asked what he had to say to a similar charge, remarked that Chinese houses were attached to the kitchens. If he put a thin coat of lime-wash on the kitchen walls, it percolated through to the main building, while if he put it on thick it caked and fell off. The excuse was not deemed satisfactory, and another fine was imposed.

As has been already announced in *The Times*, the National Council of the Congregational Churches of Japan will be represented at the forthcoming annual assembly, in London, of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, by the Rev. Tasuku Harada, B.D., Principal of Doshisha College, Kyoto. About 120 churches and missions, with 92 ministers and 83 evangelists, are included in the Council. The number of communicants last year was 15,167. Principal Harada is not unknown to the British Congregational churches, as he took a prominent part in the first International Congregational Council held in London, in 1891, under the presidency of Dr. R. W. Dale.

The death took place at the Government Civil Hospital on Tuesday evening of Mr. A. W. Eberer, editor of the *Hongkong Telegraph*. The cause of death was pneumonia, to which he succumbed after two days' illness. Deceased was a native of Aberdeen, Scotland, and received his education at Robert Gordon's College in that city. Afterwards he joined the staff of the *Aberdeen Free Press*, and in 1895 proceeded to Jamaica, where he held the position of sub-editor on the *Kingston Gleaner*. During the Cuban war he acted as special correspondent for the *London Daily Telegraph*, and after a brief residence in England he was appointed assistant editor of the *Bangkok Times*. From there he went to Singapore, and took up a position on the *Straits Times*, afterwards joining the *Hongkong Telegraph*, of which he was made editor in 1906. The funeral took place at the Happy Valley yesterday and was attended by sorrowing friends.

HAIPHONG TO HONGKONG.

In regard to the new service between Haiphong and Hongkong the East Asiatic Company, the successful tenderers, state that they have not yet definitely settled upon the class of vessels they will use on the run, but it is probable that at the outset a steamer of 1,500 tons, capable of steaming 15 knots, with accommodation for 40 passengers, will be tried. The present contract will terminate on May 31, the permanent contract to begin on June 1, 1910. Dealing with the postal subvention which has been secured by the East Asiatic Company, *L'Avenir du Tonkin* pays a tribute of praise to the services which have been rendered by the firm of A. R. Marty in keeping up communication between Haiphong and Hongkong in the face of strong competition by German firms.

TELEGRAMS.

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JAPANESE SUBMARINE DISASTER.

Tokyo, April 20th.

Lieutenant Sakuma, in charge of the submarine which sank in Hiroshima Bay, during practice, recorded his experiences up to the moment of sinking. Until shortly before death by suffocation the crew maintained their self-control, and died three hours after the sinking of the submarine.

[REUTERS' SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

THE BUDGET RE-INTRODUCED.

London, April 20th.

Mr. Lloyd George, in re-introducing the Budget, said a deficit of £20,248,000 had been realised. When the arrears were collected there would be a surplus of £2,960,000. If the Budget had been passed in 1909 there would have been a surplus of £4,200,000. The deficit in the customs and excise amounted to £5,500,000, of which £2,800,000 was on spirits, and £1,310,000 on tea. The alterations in the Budget were purely technical. The most interesting exemption was agricultural land from increment duty.

London, April 20th.

In the debate on the Budget Mr. Austin Chamberlain blamed the Government for not legalising the income-tax sooner, and paid a tribute to the public spirit of the taxpayers, which had prevented a great national crisis. The correspondence of results with the estimates reflected great credit on the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Mr. Chamberlain then proceeded to criticise the taxes.

MARRIAGE OF ADMIRAL LAMBERTON.

London, April 20th.

Vice-Admiral Lamberton was married to-day to Viscountess Chelsea at St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge.

THE GAEKWAE OF BARODA.

An "at home" to meet His Highness the Gaekwar of Baroda took place at Endre Villa, the residence of Mr. A. M. Eschbayer, yesterday afternoon, and was well attended, despite the inclement weather, by members of the Indian community. The Rajputs Band was present and discoursed selections, and the grounds were beautifully decorated. Refreshments were served. His Highness chatted with the Hon. Mr. Hewitt and others.

REAR-ADMIRAL LYON.

Commodore Lyon of the Hongkong Naval Yard has received a cablegram informing him that on the 14th instant he was promoted to the rank of Rear-Admiral.

Congratulations will be extended by all who know the Admiral in this Colony. During his stay here he has made himself exceedingly popular ashore and afloat, and on his removal from this station the general prediction is that he will meet with firm friends elsewhere.

PORT OF HAMBURG.

The shipping trade of Hamburg is growing so rapidly that it is now becoming necessary to enlarge the shipping facilities of the port once again. The Hamburg Senate has just decided to borrow the sum of £2,550,000, which will be laid out at once in extending the port by building eight new docks with the usual accommodation. One of the new docks being set apart exclusively for petroleum tanks. The projected work will be finished in five years.

MR. CARNEGIE ON WEALTH.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie, who seems fuller of sage philosophy than most American millionaires, was in excellent after-dinner form at a banquet in Los Angeles the other night. In the course of an animated speech he declared: "I believe a man who dies with a million dollars should forfeit half his fortune to the State. Combinations are bound to exist, and we must accept combination as the law of life. We are bound to have regulation of the consumer has no chance. If I may turn prophet for a moment I will predict that before many years the labourer will be both capitalist and workman. The day is coming when a man who operates on the Stock Exchange as a parasite upon values instead of creating them will not be recognised as a man of affairs. I have very strong ideas about these matters. I don't consider that they should be recognised. I don't believe in an income-tax. My plan is simpler and better. An income-tax will make a nation of liars. Let men make all the money they can in their lifetime but when they die let the State take half of it. That is a pretty good dividend."

SUPREME COURT.

Wednesday, 20th April.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ (PUNISHMENT JUDGE).

CLAIMS FOR MONEY LENT.

Cheung Chuen and Tong Shan Shan proceeded against the Kwong Fat Leung to recover, respectively, \$200 and \$305.60 for money lent. Mr. D. V. Stevenson (of Messrs. Deacon, Looker & Deacon) represented the plaintiffs, and Mr. Otto Kong Sing, who appeared for the defendants, asked that the second claim be heard first.

His Lordship consented. Mr. Stevenson stated that the action was brought for \$399.60, being as to \$300 money lent and \$99.60 interest.

After hearing the evidence his Lordship entered judgment for the plaintiffs, and with the consent of the solicitor entered judgment for plaintiffs in the second action.

LOCAL SPORT.

SOLDIERS' CLUB BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.

Two further games in the third round of this tournament were played at the Club on Tuesday night and the better fortune of the Staff and Departmental representatives places their team 47 points ahead of the 83rd Co. Huskinson and Goodall both played a fine game, and the Staff representative just managed to win out. In the second game Colonel Wrigley was well ahead of his opponent, but neither player was in good form. The matches and scores were:—

STAFF & DEPARTMENTALS 83RD CO. R.G.A.
Sgt. Huskinson ... 250 Gr. Goodall ... 245
Col. Wrigley ... 250 Sgt. Short ... 201

LAWN TENNIS.

The match between H. Hancock, winner of the Hongkong Cricket Club championship competition, and C. A. Carr, the present holder of the championship, will take place on Tuesday next at half-past four.

HONGKONG AND CHINESE COINAGE.

The band of coolies who frequent the Post Office is not diminishing with the passing weeks, and the big crowd which has fringed the building recently, each unit thereof awaiting its turn to pass a number of Hongkong cents over the counter in exchange for stamps, led a representative of this paper to inquire of the Colonial Treasurer whether there was any truth in the suggestion that the Government intended to redeem its copper currency. The Hon. Mr. Thomson said there was "nothing doing," but pointed out that if the views contained in the majority report of the Coinage Committee had been adopted by the Government, this exorcism, which was a pimple symptomatic of the fact that the currency of the Colony was in a disordered condition, would vanish in time.

Asked as to the probable effect the proposed gold standard in China would have on the local currency, the Colonial Treasurer stated that there would be no gold standard in China in our time. The Chinese had no idea of the principles of the currency question, and although they sought the advice of foreign advisers, they resorted to themselves the right to act on it, and generally did not act on it. If they left the whole matter in the hands of the foreigner, the coinage of China would soon be put in order.

Mr. Thomson had read a paragraph in the *Daily Press* stating that the building for the banknote printing plant for the Tai Ching Government Bank was being erected, and would be completed in June, and further, that the plant would be in working order immediately afterwards. But he did not expect that China would derive any material advantage from this source. The Chinese had to learn about pennies before they came to consider the question of notes. Their present idea seemed to be that all they had to do was to pay ten cents for a note, print across it "£2,000," and consider that all was well, but a merchant who gave a large order in Hongkong would learn that this was not the case, for when he came to pay in these notes he would find that they would be rejected. In conclusion, the Colonial Treasurer was not optimistic regarding any reform in China's currency in the near future, nor any immediate improvement in that of Hongkong.

RAISING THE PRICE OF OPIUM.

CRITICISM OF STRAITS GOVERNMENT.

That the Straits Government in view of the abnormal rise in the price of opium, amounting to nearly 150 per cent. since the creation of the Monopoly, would be obliged to increase the retail price of the drug was a foregone conclusion. The only wonder, says the *Penang Gazette*, is that it was not increased before. The loss to the Colonial revenue while the Government has been buying opium in Calcutta at rates round about two thousand dollars a chest and retailing to the public on the basis of nine hundred dollars a chest, must have been enormous. It should surely have been possible for the Manager of the Monopoly in Singapore to foresee the rise which has taken place—unless he has been very badly served by his commercial agents and advisers—and either a considerable stock of opium should have been laid in while the price was still comparatively low or the retail selling price of opium should have been increased some time back. We contended from the start that Sir John Anderson was making a grave mistake in placing the supreme control of the Government Monopolies, by far the most important of the revenue-producing departments, in the hands of a young, inexperienced and untried official, but we hardly expected that our opinion would be justified so soon or in a manner so startlingly unpleasant for those in charge of the Colonial finances.

CANTON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

April 19, 1910.

A DECEASED GRAND COUNCILLOR.
Grand Councillor Tai Hung' Chi, who died not long ago in Peking, was a native of Fatsan, and his remains are now en route to Canton, whence they will be taken to the ancestral home of the family. Great preparations are being made by the family of the deceased to honour the arrival of the remains with all due ceremony.

SOLDIERS AND PRESS.
The commandant of the newly-trained troops of the province has observed that news relating to the secret affairs of the military camps finds its way into the native papers, and he is afraid that someone in the ranks is acting as newspaper correspondent. In consequence of this he has issued a notice which forbids any soldier to correspond with a newspaper or in any other way to spread abroad the news of military affairs. Anyone found disregarding this regulation is to be very severely dealt with.

SALT.
The former Salt Commissioner, Chang, is now holding the position of Acting Provincial Educational Commissioner. While at the head of the salt department he was opposed to the establishment of the proposed monopoly, but in a recent interview with Deputy An On Lan he expressed the opinion that the establishment of the monopoly could do no harm to the public. The Viceroy and Deputy An then sent a joint telegram to Peking stating Chang's opinion. Commenting on this fact the paper known as *Nam Yuet Po* considers it very strange that the Commissioner should thus change his opinions, and suggests that the affair requires further investigation.

MAGISTRATE AND PRESS.
The conduct of the Pua Yu Magistrate in brutally punishing an innocent girl has already been reported, and it is a sign of the times that the local Press has made very scathing remarks on this official's administration. The Press is growing to be a considerable power here, and not even the highest officials escape its criticisms. On the 15th inst. the Kwong Chow Prefect sent for all the local editors to hold a consultation regarding the said magistrate's conduct. In the course of his remarks, the Prefect tried to explain away the magistrate's conduct, and urged that the matter should be allowed to drop and the magistrate be pardoned. The editors pointed out that the magistrate had gone utterly beyond the limits of the law, and declared that it was due to the public that they should be informed of such brutal occurrences. Since the meeting public feeling is running high against the Prefect for his endeavour to shield the magistrate's bad actions. The young girl, by the way, who was so ill-treated is now being trained as a nurse in the Kwong Wah Medical School.

SQUEEZE.
I reported yesterday that the new Taotai of Police dealt severely with a man for making a "squeeze." It has now been reported to the Taotai that there are other methods of squeezing beside that reported yesterday. One of the worst forms is that when a person has been acquitted of a crime with which he has been charged the yamen runners refuse to give the man his liberty until he has given them money. The Taotai has issued orders prohibiting this evil practice and threatening with severe punishment those found guilty of continuing it.

DIPLOMATIC SECRETS.
Yesterday two clerks in the department of foreign affairs were sent by the Viceroy to the Nam Hoi Magistrate to be tried for divulging certain secrets relating to diplomatic affairs. They did not confess their guilt and were remanded for further investigations to be made.

WORLD MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

The April issue of the conference news-sheet gives some interesting information about the delegates who are expected from the Far East. Those from Japan include Bishop Yotetsu Honda, formerly president of the Methodist College in Tokyo; the Rev. Kajinosuke Dyuka, D.D., of the Church of Christ (Presbyterian), for many years past president of its theological seminary in Tokyo; and Yogo Chiba, president of the Southern Baptist Theological College of Fukuoka. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Korea, will be represented by the Hon. T. H. Yun, a graduate of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, U.S.A., and formerly, Korean Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs. Professor Tong Tein-on, who is coming from China, belongs to the Baptist Theological Seminary at Shanghai. The Cambridge Mission to Delhi sends the Rev. S. Ghose and the Indian Presbyterians will have as their delegate the Rev. K. C. Chatterji, who was moderator of their first General Assembly in 1904. The Baptists of Burma will be represented by Professor L. T. Ah Sou, of their college of Rangoon, who was baptized by Dr. Judson.

NEW GUINEA SENSATION.

News received from German New Guinea gives details of an elaborate plot on the part of the natives in the interior to kill all the local missionaries. Polygamy is regarded with favour by the natives, and the missionaries have set their faces sternly against the practice. The ire of the younger members of the community was aroused, and they decided that the only way out of the difficulty was to remove the missionaries. Arrangements were made for a simultaneous massacre of the missionaries and the natives friendly to them. The plot was discovered in time, however, and eight natives who are regarded as the ringleaders have been arrested and taken to Herbertshöhe for trial.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The E. & A. str. *Adenau* left Manila on the 19th inst. at 9 p.m., and will arrive here tomorrow at daylight.
The str. *Glenlogie* left Singapore on the 17th inst., and is due here on or about the 23rd instant a.m.
The M.M. Co.'s cargo boat *Meinam* is expected to arrive here on Monday, the 25th inst. at 6 a.m., from Singapore, and will leave for the North on the same afternoon.

RUBBER NOTES.

A HONGKONG COMPANY.
The first rubber company formed in Hong-kong has just been incorporated. The capital is £100,000 in £1 shares, of which £3,700 fully paid shares (vouchers), and £55,300 shares, on which 7/6 has been paid, have been issued. The estate which the company has been formed to acquire is situated close to the United Latagat Plantation Company's property. It has an area approximately of 10,000 acres.

A CAUTIONARY WORD.
With various well-known rubber shares at premiums of 2,500 and 3,000 per cent. (writes a correspondent of the *Globe*), has not the time come for the exercise of a little common-sense by the average speculator? Wise people on the inside of the rig are already quietly liquidating their holdings as they can, and the announcement that companies are now to be floated to take over blocks of shares too big and unwieldy to dispose of in the market shows that some of those who have garnered much paper from recent flotations are quite content to transfer their risks to the public. In six months from now a number of the boards of existing companies will be courteously informing shareholders that "prospects are excellent even at the lower price to which rubber has fallen," but that "unhappily a sufficiency of labour for planting and tapping and other purposes cannot be secured."

WISE MEN TAKE PROFITS.
Statements of this kind will be plentiful as leaves in Vallombrosa in a brief space from now. It is notorious that West Africa, for instance, is rich beyond description in rubber, but the product might as well not exist at all, since the natives absolutely decline to tap on any terms whatever. Some of the companies (in other parts of the globe) will continue to do well, but these are only a small fraction of the companies in whose shares the gamble has been taking place. A wise move on the part of the man who has rubber profits to take is, says the *Globe*, to make sure of them, and buy the best Kaffirs with them.

BROKERS' CHARGES.
The other day a correspondent wrote to the *Strait Times* on the subject of broker's charges, and said he thought they are far too high. Commenting on his letter, the *Malay Mail*, in the course of a short editorial, says:—In any case five cents per share on dollar shares seems rather high. With regard to his suggestion that the newspapers should be utilised as stock exchanges, it is a curious coincidence that we received for insertion yesterday an advertisement of shares for sale. To carry out the suggestion, of course, is at the option of the public. In some ways it might be useful, and it might lead to more accurate quotations of shares which are largely dealt in. The investor or speculator who studies the difficult broker's lists at present is merely bewildered. We agree, however, with our Singapore contemporary that no newspaper would accept any responsibility whatever. It is quite enough for most journalists to have to suffer for sins which, if they are sins, should be attributed to the brokers.

NEW COMPANY.
The Kuala Lumpur correspondent of the *Strait Times* telegraphed on April 14th:—Madingley Estate, near Kajang, is being floated in London on April 18th. The capital is £240,000, and the purchase price £25,000. The acreage is 500, of which 282 are planted. The directors are Mr. Metcalfe and three others. It is stated to be already over-subscribed privately.

MARCH RETURNS.
A Kuala Lumpur wire states that the Batu Tiga rubber March crop is 6,300 lbs. Other reports are:—
The return for F.M.S. was—24,450 lbs.; total for corresponding period last year, 15,817 lbs.; total for ten months 231,060 lbs.; total for corresponding period last year, 100,124 lbs.
The return for Kuala Lumpur was—47,000 lbs.; total for corresponding period last year, 18,610 lbs.; total for nine months, 368,320 lbs.; total for corresponding period last year, 146,193 lbs.
The March output for Port Dickson was 621 lbs.

The crop output of the Vallombrosa Rubber Company for the year ending March 21st last was 370,902 lbs.
The Bukit Rajah Company's output was 309,893 lbs.; and the Federated (Solangor) Company's crop was 101,444 lbs for the same period.

SHARE MARKET.
A Reuter's telegram to the *Strait Times* of April 14th states:—The rubber share market is still buoyant. Shares of the Ceylon Ceylon Estates Company rose 30s. to-day.

RUBBER IN BORNEO.
Rubber-growing among the natives in Dutch South-east Borneo is going ahead rapidly under official prompting. Government land has been granted to hundreds of natives for that purpose. In the district of Amuntai there are extensive plantations of Rambong rubber. Several planters who have been up there have formulated a scheme for buying up this rubber from the growers and for working it up on the spot. Native rubber growers have ordered large quantities of rubber seedlings from Singapore.

BOURNEMOUTH DRAINING IN RUBBER.
The *Sourabaya Handelsblad* notes the setting in of the rubber fever in Sourabaya, where shares in Java rubber companies find ready buyers. So far the companies formed in London hold the field. But the other day, a company started in Shanghai bought the Limburg estate in that quarter for 1,500,000 guilders. Many of its shares have been placed at Sourabaya.

GLIMPS OF RUBBER.
The *Time of Malaya* is informed by Messrs. Aylesbury & Jarland that Mr. Maurice Maude reports on Glimpses as follows under date April 4th:—Since my last visit in September the growth has been extremely good. There is

scarcely any root disease, and white ants are scarce. A further seventy acres is being felled. The estimated yields will be much exceeded. The rubber from the factory is very good and the tapping is some of the best work in the States. I am sure that Glimpses will prove a sound investment. The total capital is only \$300,000, and for this about 1,000 acres will be brought into bearing. Good dividends may be expected in the meantime.

A DUTCH FLOTATION.
Messrs. Schaefer & Co. informed the Singapore Press on April 13th that the Hajoep (Dutch Borneo) Rubber Estates have been successfully floated in London.

DIVIDENDS.
Messrs. Osborne & Clappell, the agents of Kinta Ltd., inform the *Times of Malaya* that a further dividend of 1/4 has been declared. The Anglo-Malay Rubber Co., Ltd., has declared a final dividend of 30 per cent., making 80 per cent. for the year, and carried forward \$12,912. The best of the rubber produced was 10 2/3d. per lb. The estimate of crop for 1910 is 700,000 lb.

THE TRADE OF SHANGHAI.
Notwithstanding the constant attractions of rubber speculation, it is satisfactory to learn from the Imperial Maritime Customs returns that the trade of Shanghai during the January-March quarter of 1910 shows an improvement on that during the same quarter last year. There is in all a total increase in value of \$1,125,697, and one or two lines of business have made a really remarkable advance. It is to be regretted that the trade in cotton piece-goods should still be under a cloud. The import of cotton yarn has gone up from 374,673 piculs in 1909 (the quarter under review) to 381,744 piculs in 1910. But the import of piece-goods has fallen from 3,039,716 piculs to 1,958,895; and the export from 31,000 piculs to 45,350. No doubt the high price of cotton is mainly responsible, as it has been impossible to replace stocks at any price that the Chinese can afford to pay. Exported native cloth has fallen from 16,455 piculs in 1909 to 14,959 piculs in 1910, and exported cotton yarn from 169,293 piculs to 71,726; but the export of raw cotton has advanced from 105,760 to 194,798 piculs. The export of raw silk of all kinds has remained very nearly stationary, the figures being, in 1909, 17,700 piculs and in 1910, 17,538. Of beans and peas there is also a noticeable falling-off from 552,619 piculs to 506,219.

Against these may be set the extraordinary advance in the importation of kerosene oil from 4,775,885 gallons in the first three months of 1909 to no less than 14,943,627 gallons in 1910. Aniline dyes have nearly doubled themselves, the value of these imports rising from \$1,239,788 to \$1,245,069. The import of sugar has risen from 420,744 piculs to 513,180; of wool oil from 61,531 to 96,435 piculs; and of metals from 211,775 piculs to 230,749 piculs. On the export side the advance account the most notable item is the advance in goat skins from 2,725,603 exported piculs in the first quarter of 1909 to 3,695,068 in 1910. The export of sheep's wool also shows good improvement, with 63,336 piculs in 1910 against 62,177 in 1909. It remains to be mentioned that the export of tea has increased slightly from 119,481 piculs to 122,599; and that while the importation of native opium has fallen from 5,078 piculs in 1909 to 4,711 in 1910, that of foreign opium has increased from 4,877 to 7,088. Taken in conjunction with the large amount of opium that was in storage in Shanghai at the close of last year, these figures would seem to indicate that the dealers are buying heavily against the possibility of the Indian Government's stopping the export of opium altogether. —N.C. Daily News.

BERLIN AND ITS OUTSKIRTS.

The temptation to sacrifice the beautiful wooded outskirts of Berlin to building purposes rather than to preserve them in the interests of public health has become acute with the extraordinary development of the capital and the consequent increase in the value of land. The process of devastation is most noticeable in the Grunewald, between Berlin and Potsdam, but, perhaps, not so serious. In other parts of Berlin and its suburbs whole areas of forest have disappeared, giving way not only to dwelling-houses, but to factories, parade grounds, and even cemeteries. Meanwhile, although the fact may be concealed by its pre-occupation with cleanliness and orderliness, and even more by the universal prevalence of fogs, Berlin has by no means a greater density of population than almost any other great city, with the exception of Paris. A memorandum, which has just been presented to the Prussian Government by a committee of representatives of Berlin, Charlottenburg, Schöneberg, Wilmersdorf, Rixdorf, Lichtenberg, Niederschönhausen, and Teltow, says that the density of population is in Berlin 321, as compared with 150 in London, 103 in New York, 62 in Munich, 50 in New York, and 31 in Chicago. The figure for Paris is 354. The memorandum invites the Government to enter into negotiations for the sale or lease of the right to perpetual enjoyment of some 25,000 acres of forest domains which it is most immediately important to preserve. The total area which may be menaced in greater or less degree seems to be about 75,000 acres.

It is suggested that the municipal and communal authorities concerned might enter into close co-operation in order to find the necessary money. The financial problem is a large one. The Prussian Minister of Agriculture stated a year ago that the wooded districts near Berlin were worth at least £50,000,000 as building sites, and even this estimate is probably below the mark for the whole area now in question.

A COMMANDER'S DEATH.

COMMANDER M. SQUIRE, R.N.
Commander Mountjoy Squire, who died recently at Bittern Park, Southampton, was the subject of an inquest which was opened on Mar. 25th, it being supposed that he had taken accidentally an overdose of laudanum. He was 63 years of age and joined the Royal Navy as a cadet in 1867, became a lieutenant in 1872, and retired with the rank of commander in 1889. From 1879 to 1883 he served as lieutenant-instructor to the Liverpool Brigade of Royal Naval Artillery Volunteers. He then became managing agent of the Red Sea, a post which he held till 1895. In the following year he was appointed assistant superintendent of the Mercantile Marine Bureau under the Japanese Government, and on his retirement in 1891 received the Order of the Rising Sun. From 1892 to 1895 he served in the Chinese naval service under the late Admiral Ting, and later on was again in the Japanese service as Adviser to the Harbour Board. The only war service he had in the Royal Navy was in the *Lyons* in 1869, when he took part in an expedition on the Niger and was invalided on his return to the coast.

COMPANY REPORT.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

The report of the board of directors is as follows:—
Gentlemen—Your directors have the pleasure to submit the accompanying statement of the account for the year ending 23rd February 1910.

The balance at credit of Profit and Loss account is \$174,790.96; after deducting directors' fees (\$3,000) there remains a sum of \$171,790.96 available for appropriation, and your directors recommend that this be disposed of as follows:—
To pay a dividend of 12 per cent.—\$21,200.00
Say \$120 per share on 60,000 shares \$72,000.00
To pay a bonus of 1 per cent.—\$6,000.00
10 cents per share on 60,000 shares 6,000.00
To write off plant account for depreciation 72,065.65
To write off property account for depreciation 5,000.00
To write off furniture account for depreciation 477.00
To pay a bonus to staff 4,450.05
To carry forward to next account 11,798.26
\$171,790.96

Directors.—Hon. Sir C. P. Chater, C. M. G., and Mr. E. G. Barrett resigned their seats on leaving the Colony, and Sir H. N. Mody and Mr. G. H. Medhurst were appointed to fill the vacancies. These appointments require the confirmation of shareholders. In accordance with the Articles of Association Sir H. N. Mody and Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson retire, but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. W. Hutton Potts and J. Cox Edwards. Messrs. W. Hutton Potts and J. Cox Edwards offer themselves for re-election.

J. W. C. BONNAR, Chairman.

Hongkong, 18th April, 1910.

Statement of Accounts to February 23rd 1910:—

LIABILITIES.
Capital—60,000 shares each \$10 \$600,000.00
paid up ... 522,250
Sundry creditors ... 7,058.09
Dividends unclaimed ... 1,744.89
Suspense account ... 1,744.89
Balance of Profit and Loss account 174,790.96
\$788,816.44

ASSETS.
Plant and mains account, cost of, as per last account ... \$496,382.15
Less amount provided for depreciation ... 66,382.15
\$430,000.00
Cost of plant, since added ... 92,065.65
\$522,065.65

Property, cost of land and buildings as per last account ... \$1,111,043.99
Less amount provided for depreciation ... 11,043.99
100,000.00

Installation material, stock of ... 40,507.45
Stores and coal, stock of ... 13,320.62
Tools, &c., stock of ... 2,279.17
Furniture, cost of, as per last account ... 677.00
Insurance, value of unexpired portions of policies ... 1,500.00
Sundry debtors ... 36,164.36
Cash with agents ... 18,506.25
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation ... 53,795.94
\$788,816.44

WORKING ACCOUNT.
Dr.
To agency and office expenses ... \$ 8,000.00
To rent and taxes ... 3,923.70
To insurance ... 2,978.50
To auditors' fees ... 200.00
To bad debts ... 601.93
To amount carried to Profit and Loss account ... 169,595.48
\$185,299.61

Cr.
By net profit working ... \$184,490.98
By scrip and transfer fees ... 16.50
By interest ... 792.13
\$185,299.61

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.
Dr.
To amount available for appropriation ... \$174,790.96
\$174,790.96
Cr.
By amount of undivided profit, as per last account ... \$ 5,195.48
By balance of working account brought down ... 169,595.48
\$174,790.96

PRINCESS UNDER ARREST.
Social circles at Munich have been shocked by the arrest of the Countess Frederich von Schonborn-Buchheim (born Princess Sophia Cantacuzene) on suspicion of complicity in swindles perpetrated in Austria and Switzerland.

Though the countess has been living in the most modest style she has had access to the best circles in Munich society, and it is believed that she may be a victim of a case of mistaken identity. The Vienna police sent word that the person wanted is a chorus girl, who, it is thought, may have made unwarranted use of the countess's name.

The countess's husband is a member of the Bohemian branch of the great Schonborn family, which was founded in the thirteenth century. The heads of it were barons, and later counts, of the Holy Roman Empire. The countess comes of the yet more ancient Russian family of Cantacuzene, which is of Byzantine origin.

Since her husband's financial affairs became involved a few years ago the countess has lived with her mother, the Princess Cantacuzene, at Munich, where her ten-year-old son, Count Paul, attends an ordinary board school.

RELIGIOUS DIFFERENCES IN PENANG.

The non-Roman Catholic Church in Malaya—Anglican, Presbyterian, and Methodist—is not in such a strong position that it can afford to emphasize the points of difference between its various branches, much less to advertise abroad, for the detection of rival sects and mocking unbelievers, the unhappy squabbles which occasionally arise among its members. Personally we are inclined to think that a grave mistake has been made in revising in a narrow sense, entirely opposed to the spirit of mutual tolerance and encouragement which has hitherto characterized the relations of the various churches in Penang, the constitution of the Church Work Association. These are days when the forces of doubt and unbelief, should seek to find points of reunion and welcome any opportunity which enables them to present a united front. If the questions of dogma which separate Anglican and Presbyterian theologians are henceforth to influence the relations of the individual members of these Churches in Penang in regard to charitable work and social meetings, we can only deplore the fact that in a nation of this kind the common sense of the laity should have allowed itself to be overruled. Certainly such a policy is far removed from that of the wise and earnest Churchmen at Home who are working day and night to efface the differences and bridge over the difficulties which divide the Church of England from the nonconformist bodies. These bodies sprang from the Church of England in the past, and with them she must be reunited before she can accomplish the great social and religious work which Providence has placed in her hands. But far craver than this tactical error is the veritable scandal which has arisen in Kuala Lumpur, where the leaders of the Church of England are busily engaged in filling the local newspaper with mutual recriminations. It is grievous that such a state of affairs as that depicted in the correspondence should ever arise; it is still more grievous that it should be made public, for it tends to prove how low is the discipline in the Anglican Church in these parts and how imperative the call for a strenuous, guiding hand to put things in the right path once more.

STRAITS GOVERNOR CRITICISED.

The *Penang Advertiser* prints the following pertinent remark.
Public feeling which, in Penang and Singapore as well as in Malacca itself, is very strongly opposed to the abolition of the post of Resident-Councillor of that ancient Settlement, is to be voiced by the Hon. T. S. Baker in Council on Monday, when we trust that there will be a full attendance of unofficials to protest what is perhaps the most foolish of a long series of reckless blunders perpetrated by the present administration. It is difficult to speak in terms of judicious and respectful moderation of the famous obstinacy with which His Excellency, in the face of the representations of the Civil Service, the people of Malacca itself, the official members of Council, and the public Press, adheres to his determination to abolish this post, and all for no better reason than "What I have said, I have said." His Excellency has now been in the Colony five years, and although everyone recognises the great gifts which he has brought to bear upon the important problems he has had to solve, and his untiring energy and ceaseless devotion to duty, the obstinacy—to use no harsher term—with which he has persistently refused to listen to criticism, no matter from what quarter it has come, or to adopt views in any way different from his own preconceived ideas, has rendered both his position as Chief of the Executive and that of the Colony which he governs a good deal more difficult than need have been the case. It is a thousand pities that Sir John Anderson, whose valuable services to the country we should be the last to deny, should discount them so seriously in the eyes of the whole population by a stubborn adherence in this matter of the Malacca Resident-Councillor to an attitude of non possumus, when a graceful withdrawal from an untenable position would be both more dignified and sagacious.

LANDED PROPERTY IN JAVA.

The following official communication, dated March 28th, was published by London news-papers:—
The Board of Trade desires to warn British subjects who may contemplate acquiring an interest in landed estate in Java that a Bill is now under the consideration of the Legislature of the Netherlands providing for the compulsory expropriation of private owners.
The Bill provides that the Governor-General by an Order in Council declares that a certain estate or estates shall be restored to the State and the transfer of title may, failing a natural agreement, be ordered by judicial sentence, which shall fix the amount of compensation to be paid.

CHASING A PIRATE FLEET.

A piratical fleet consisting of ten vessels was sighted off the North Celebes coast early this month. They are reported to have come from the Molucca Islands in the Southern Philippines. Dutch men-of-war have gone in pursuit of the pirates, who apparently were making for East Borneo. The Sulu Islands were famed in the past for being seats of piracy. As late as 1880, Dutch men-of-war destroyed two fleets of Sulu pirates off the East Borneo coast. Since then piracy did not lift its head there until now.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—
On the 20th, at 12.10 a.m.—The barometer has risen moderately to considerably over Japan and the Loochoos, and fallen moderately over N. China.

The depression lying near the Loochoos yesterday has moved away Eastwards towards the Bonins.

Another depression is probably developing over the Yangtze valley, and pressure is low also over the N.W. part of the China Sea.

The highest pressure is shown over the Sea of Japan.

Moderate E. and S.E. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel and fresh E. winds along the northern shores of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.62 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—
Hongkong & Neighbourhood E. winds, fresh; dull, some rain.
Formosa Channel... E. to S.E. winds, moderate.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamoo... Same as No. 1.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan... Same as No. 1.

FORGED BANK NOTES.

LATE HONGKONG CONTRACTOR SENTENCED.

Remarkable life histories were told at the central criminal court, London, when two foreigners, Joseph Peter and Kálmán Emanuel Albrecht, were charged with being concerned in a plot to forge 100 kronor notes on the Austro-Hungarian Bank in London.

According to the statement for the prosecution, there were four persons originally concerned in the scheme, the two prisoners, a Dr. Z. Takacs, and a Hungarian girl of 24. Albrecht, an able draughtsman, was alleged to have supplied the technical skill necessary for the forgeries, while Peter was supposed to have provided the money. Both men came originally from Hungary, but Albrecht became a naturalised French subject, and entered the French army, in which he gained a knowledge of surveying and engineering. Peter, a native of Buda-Pesth, had been in the fire brigade of that city. The four prisoners in the case were in Broadstairs and London at the beginning of last summer until Dr. Takacs and the young woman returned to the Continent separately. The two prisoners lived in Guilford St. and were great friends until a violent quarrel between them led to the police visiting their room and finding the materials for the making of Austro-Hungarian banknotes by means of photography.

Peter gave evidence, and represented himself as having been duped. He worked as a lad, he said, on his parents' farm, and later joined the Hungarian army. Then he became a tram conductor, and afterwards joined the fire brigade. While a fireman he was introduced to Mrs. Takacs, who told him about a wonderful invention which she said her son, Dr. Takacs, had. She said that it would make a fortune if it were put into the money to finance it, and she also promised to find him a rich Parisian wife.

He sold his share in the farm, and went to Paris, where he met Dr. Takacs, who introduced him to Albrecht. The latter showed him some drawings. Witness paid over some money and was then taken to a café to meet the supposed rich girl who was to be his wife.

The girl was not at the café, however, and he was told that she had left for Hongkong the previous day, but would come back. This brought him to the conclusion that the girl was a myth, and he then insisted on seeing the invention at once. He was told that it was in England, and he came to London with Dr. Takacs, leaving Albrecht in Paris. Later when Albrecht came to London, the three went to Broadstairs, and while they were there the young Hungarian woman arrived as a friend of Albrecht's. After a little time the young woman said she was afraid of Albrecht and left. Witness constantly asked Albrecht for his money back or the invention, and when he threatened to complain to the police Albrecht prevented him by saying that if he did he (Albrecht) would not find the rich wife for him after all.

Albrecht, in the course of his evidence, said after becoming a naturalised French citizen he was in the survey department of the French army, and from 1901 to 1903 was engaged on military surveys in the French Sahara. In 1903 he went to China, under the French military authorities, and in 1905 left the army for the public works department at Amoy. In 1907 he got a contract for tunnelling work at Hongkong from the British Government, and in 1908 went to Saigon, for the French Government. He returned to Europe in August, 1908, went to Paris, and then returned to Paris, coming to London because he had invented an apparatus in connection with turbine engines, and had patented it in France and Germany and wanted to patent it in England. He first met Peter at the house in Guilford St., where Dr. Takacs was living under an assumed name. Dr. Takacs told him after a time that he and Peter had come to England for the purpose of making banknotes. He was afraid to inform the police, because the two had been engaged in the work. Albrecht was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment and certified for deportation.

A BANK FOR WOMEN.

A bank exclusively for the use of females was opened on March 14th, in New Bridge-Street, Blackfriars, with Miss May Bateman as manager. The venture started with over four hundred transferred customers, and the clientele was increased in the course of the day to five hundred by the advent of new depositors.

"I was visited this morning by a lady journalist," said Miss Bateman, and after I had explained our Women's Bank, she said to her, she was so interested in the project that she opened an account with £5—the lowest amount we take. We cater for women of limited means as well as for women of property, and, of course, deal only with women. Before long we hope to have a branch in every county. We think that the wives of the small farmers in the country districts and that most women in the towns, however small their means, should have their own cheques books. We believe that the possession of a cheque book insulates thrift and prevents extravagance and leakage.

ELASTIC EARTH.

As a result of a series of experiments recently carried out by Professor Milne, the pioneer of modern seismology, it is now known that twice each day at high tide the buildings along opposite sides of tidal basins salute each other. The experiments were carried out at Bidston Observatory, near Liverpool, one and a half miles from the sea, with a modified form of seismograph designed to record tidal effects and the more minute movements which other seismographs would not or not often record. The instrument recorded photographically, a tilt on the pillar supporting it causing a definite deflection on the film.

From the very first the instrument gave very clear and definite records of one strange effect of the tides. Twice a day the recording needle swung in one direction, showing that the steepness of the hillside on which it rested was increasing.

At high tide the bed of the Irish Sea became depressed from an increased load, and the effect of this was to pull the shores together. The amount of this change was not very great, although much greater than might have been expected. At Bidston the amount of deflection was about equal to one inch in sixteen miles.

In thus securing a measurement of the deflection caused by the tides Professor Milne has succeeded where others have failed. Many years ago he showed that our ordinary, apparently stable, English valleys opened when the sun fell upon them and contracted during the night. He also showed that apparently the whole of the Isle of Wight tilted up at high-water owing to the greater weight of the water in the English Channel as compared with that in the Solent.

His latest work is the complement of earlier research and tends to show that the earth is a great deal more elastic and responsive to pulls and strains than is commonly appreciated.

PSORIASIS FROM HEAD TO FEET

Five Doctors Treated this Bad Case—
Irritation was Terrible—
Suffered for Years and Got No Relief—
Friend also Had a Rash on Face.

TWO COMPLETELY CURED BY CUTICURA

"I had seen five doctors in regard to my trouble, and each one of them gave me no cure. My disease was psoriasis, which affected me from my head to my feet, and the irritation was terrible. I was advised to try the Cuticura Remedies which I did. In the first place before retiring I used to take a hot bath with Cuticura Soap and after that I used to rub the Cuticura Ointment into the skin. The Cuticura Soap of course was used every day, and I washed and anointed every bath. My case being a very bad one it naturally took longer to make a good impression. After about three weeks or a month, I seemed to make fair progress. I first started to use Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment about July, 1906, and my cure was near as I can remember was complete about October of the same year. During that period I had no medical adviser. I had suffered with it for some years, but it seems to have completely vanished. If I were troubled with it again, the first thing I should do, and advise any of my friends to do, would be to use the Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment on the first signs of any skin troubles and not let it run such a long time as it did on me the last time. A little time ago, a friend of mine suffered from a rash on the face and also on the hands. He used Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment which put him right in a very short time without medical aid. Alfred Levy, Winfield Hill, Liverpool, England. Wood Green, N. Eng., Mar. 28, '08."

A single treatment consisting of a warm bath with Cuticura Soap, gentle application of Cuticura Ointment and mild doses of Cuticura Pills, followed by attention to afford instant relief, permit rest and sleep and point to a speedy cure of itching, disfiguring, scaly, crusty, itching, irritation and inflammations of the skin and scalp, from infancy to age, when all else fails.

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SHIPPING RINGS IN THE STRAITS.
At the last meeting of the Legislative Council for the Straits Settlements an important discussion as to the operations of the Shipping Conference took place.

The Hon. Dr. Galloway submitted the following motion:—
"That the unofficial members of this Council, having received and taken into consideration a petition from ninety-two European firms, one hundred and forty European bankers, lawyers, and professions, and three hundred Chinese and Chinese firms, including the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and one hundred and nineteen Indian and Mohammedan firms, requesting them to approach Government with a view to action being taken to free the trade of this Colony from the effects of shipping conferences, recommend that a Bill be introduced at an early date to deal with the matter."

Dr. Galloway made a long and able speech, in the course of which he showed that both the majority and the minority reports of the Royal Commission of Enquiry into Shipping Rings, held at Home, considered the Straits a particularly bad example of "ring" evils. The Conference had forced the Colony to pay high rates for a class of tonnage which it traded did not require, while the secret rebate was able to receive the advantage of being able to undersell other firms. He concluded by saying that under the present conditions the shipping industry was in danger of passing virtually into the possession of a group of shipowners, our trade is in danger of passing actually into the possession of neighbouring ports, and the merchants are in danger of becoming mere marionettes at the end of a wire.

The Hon. A. B. Adams made a short speech in seconding the motion. He said there were two aspects of the question: the disease and its remedy; the remedy must come from the Legislature, and though it was dangerous to interfere with the liberty of contract for the cry of "free trade" with great persistence from all classes of an intelligent community. The question here was entirely different from that before the recent Commission of Enquiry at Home. It was necessary to pass an abstract resolution and then devise legislation to give it practical effect.

The Hon. Tan Jiah Kim and the Hon. T. S. Baker also supported the motion. The latter suggested shipping conference bills of lading and legislation against documents relating to deferred rebates. Support for the motion was also forthcoming from the Hon. Hugh Fort, the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Hon. W. Evans, the Attorney-General, and H.E. the Governor.

The Hon. C. W. Darbishire, who was the only opponent of the motion, made an able speech in defence of the Conference, consisting mainly of figures and statistics, and showing that the Conference regime has increased rebates was really only another form of rebate, and that the small shipper had to pay over the big shipper for room under full freight. It was impossible for the Government to legislate against deferred rebates. The secret rebate was a very small thing indeed, amounting only to a quarter per cent. of the value of cargo at a Conference port or one-sixteenth of Penang in exchange.

Dr. Galloway's motion was carried without a division, Mr. Darbishire being the only dissentient.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

HALL & HOLTZ, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 17th ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Head Office of the Company, No. 14, Nanking Road, Shanghai, on THURSDAY, the 28th April, 1910, at 4 p.m. to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Head Office of the Company, No. 14, Nanking Road, Shanghai, on THURSDAY, the 28th April, 1910, immediately after the Ordinary General Meeting, to consider and if thought fit to pass the following Resolutions:—

- 1.—That the Capital of the Company be increased to Mexican \$500,000.00 by the creation of 7,000 additional ordinary shares of Mex. \$50.00 each, ranking for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the existing Ordinary Shares in the Company.
 - 2.—That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to allot such newly created issue at par among the existing Members of the Company as to so much as may be applied for, so that each Member shall be entitled to apply for one Share of the new issue for every three Shares already held by him (no issue will be made for a fractional number) and that the amount payable on such New Shares so applied for should be paid to the Company at such times as the Directors shall appoint.
 - 3.—That the Directors be authorised to allot of any shares unapplied for by a Shareholder under the last preceding Resolution within the time appointed to such person or persons and upon such terms as the Directors may think fit.
- Should the above Resolutions be passed by the requisite majority they will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions to a subsequent Meeting of which due notice will be given.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from April 19th to 28th, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Directors,
E. PALMER, Secretary.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"NAMSANG,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.
Cargo loaded on or after 4 p.m. on the 21st inst. will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers, Hongkong, 20th April, 1910.

FROM EUROPE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"SILESIA,"
Captain Solmer, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained against Bills of Lading countersigned by the Undersigned.
Optional Cargo will be carried on unless notice to the contrary be given before TO-DAY.
All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th inst. will be subject to suit.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 27th inst., at 3 p.m.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.
This Steamer brings Cargo: Ex ss. "Faro" from Setubal. Ex ss. "Suzanne et Marie" from Bordeaux. HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1910. [52]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"RUELOW"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasures and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 27th inst. will be subject to suit.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 27th inst., at 9.30 a.m.

All Claims must reach us before the 1st May, or they will not be recognised.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELCHERS & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1910. 5

PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Association will be held at the Head Office, No. 26, The Bund, Shanghai, on THURSDAY, the 21st April, 1910, at 4 o'clock p.m., for presentation of the Report of the Directors and the Accounts to the 31st December, 1909, the election of Directors and Auditors for the current year, and for the purpose of transacting any other business which may be transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Association will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 21st day of April, both days inclusive.

Members holding proxies for absent Shareholders must deposit same with the Secretary for Registration at least forty-eight hours before the Meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. S. JACKSON, Secretary.

Shanghai, 29th March, 1910. [48]

THE YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.

(Established 1862.)

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Association will be held at the Head Office, No. 26, The Bund, Shanghai, on THURSDAY, the 21st April, 1910, at 4.15 p.m. or immediately after the Ordinary General Meeting called for 4 p.m. on that day, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolution:—

"That the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Association be respectively 'tively extended, altered and amended so as to read as shown in the print signed for the purpose of identification by the Chairman of this Meeting and that such 'extended, altered and amended Memorandum and Articles of Association be henceforth adopted as the Memorandum and Articles of Association to the exclusion of those heretofore prevailing."

Should the above Resolution be duly passed, it will be subsequently submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a further Extraordinary General Meeting which will be held at the said Head Office, at 4 p.m., on TUESDAY, 10th May, 1910.

Prints of the proposed extensions, alterations and amendments to the Memorandum and Articles of Association have been circulated to Shareholders.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. S. JACKSON, Secretary.

Shanghai, 29th March, 1910. [49]

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Office, 8, GORDON'S BUILDING, on SATURDAY, the 30th April, 1910, at 12 o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 28th February, 1910, and electing Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 30th April, 1910, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 13th April, 1910. [53]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that

Certificate No. N. S. 2484 dated Hongkong 1st April, 1898, for Ten Shares, numbered 59365 to 59374 inclusive and Certificate No. N. S. 2823 dated Hongkong 14th October, 1898, for Forty Shares numbered 9230 to 9239, 56849 to 56858, 57302 to 57305, 65645 to 65646, 66448, 61160 to 61161 and 47496 to 47495 inclusive, all registered in the name of MARGARET BLAIR DE VILLIERS, of LEONOR, have been LOST or STOLEN, and should these Certificates not be produced to the Bank before the 30th April, 1910, new Certificates for the Shares will be issued and the aforesaid Certificates Nos. N. S. 2484 and N. S. 2823 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as Null and Void.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1910. [47]

CARBONIC ACID WORKS.

Highly competitive, wish to communicate with users and representatives. Interested parties are requested to please address—

E. 8056, care of DAUNE & Co., Cologne on Rhine, Germany. [548]

NOTICE.

In the GOODS of the late WILLIAM ALVAH RUBLEE, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, U.S.A. and Victoria, the Colony of Hongkong, Consul-General for the United States of America in Hongkong.

PARTICULARS of all Claims against the estate of the above-named deceased should be sent in writing to the Undersigned on or before MONDAY, the 25th inst.

Dated 18th day of April, 1910.

STUART J. FULLER, Vice-Consul General in Charge, American Consulate, Hongkong.

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STIESSSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1909. [1519]

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, For Account of the CONCERNED, TO-DAY (THURSDAY), the 21st April, 1910, at 11 a.m., at their SALES Rooms, No. 3, Des Voeux Road, corner of Ice House Street, A QUANTITY OF HIGH-CLASS GOODS, Comprising:—

DOUBLE DAMASK SERVIETTES and TABLE CLOTHS, Ladies' and Gent's HANDKERCHIEFS, HAND-EMBROIDERED BEDSPREADS, FINE TURKISH TOWELS, BATH TOWELS, BATH SHEETS, BED SHEETS, White and Cream LACE CURTAINS, CARPETS, RUGS, &c., &c.;

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Terms:—As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 18th April, 1910. [547]

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MESSERS. HUGHES & HOUGH have received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION,

TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), the 22nd day of APRIL, 1910, at 3 p.m., at their SALES ROOMS, Ice House Street,

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All those Pieces or Parcels of Ground situate at Victoria, aforesaid, registered in the Land Office respectively as THE REMAINING PORTION OF SECTION A OF INLAND LOT NO. 505, and THE REMAINING PORTION OF INLAND LOT NO. 505, together with the messuages thereon, known as Nos. 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

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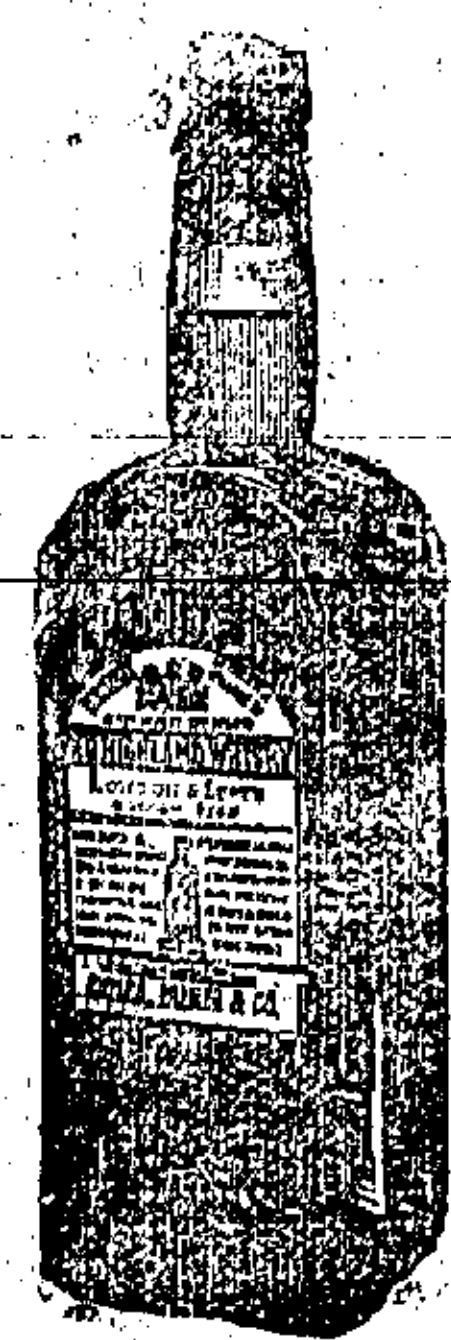
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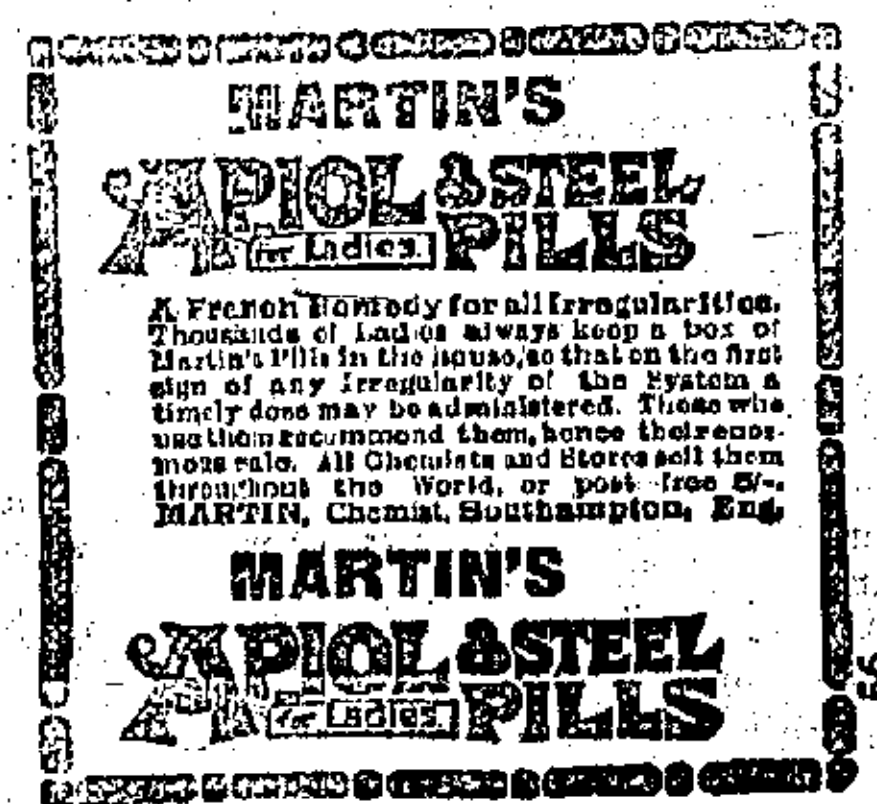
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FASTING FOR HEALTH.

To starve or not to starve is the question
which is giving cause for serious thought in
the part of the medical world and food reformers
who read Mr. Upton Sinclair's article in which
he stated that starvation was a cure for all ailments.
Mr. Sinclair said he fasted for twelve
days with the result that his health was entirely
restored.

Medical experts are divided in their opinion
regarding the relative good and evil of this new
"cure." Dr. Forbes Ross, the prominent prac-
titioner, in an interview denounced it as being
extremely dangerous.

"Only in cases of people between the ages
of thirty and fifty-five," he said, "should starva-
tion for one moment be thought of, and even
then the patient should be one of those robust
persons known in the medical world as
gastrointestinal hogs, whose over-indulgence
makes such treatment necessary. Up to the
age of thirty the fast cure would be suicide, for
up to the age of twenty-five the bones are still
growing, and the brain power of an individual
is being strengthened up to the age of thirty.
Its capacity being greater then than at twenty."

"In the young the inevitable result of
frequent recourse to this cure will be con-
sumption, for the patient is only starving in
a literal sense. The feeling of the pangs of
hunger which are experienced for the first
two or three days means that the digestive
organs are working fruitlessly. After that they
find work in consuming one another. This is
proof that the patient is living on himself."

"After the age of thirty the danger of con-
sumption is very small, and the boy requires
less nourishment. Those who think that the
'fast cure' will do any good may attempt it at
this age with little fear of any serious con-
sequence."

"After the age of fifty-five such a course is
equally suicidal. This is one of the most
critical periods of a person's life. Between
the age of sixty and seventy the heart makes
an attempt to fail. And the only means of
preventing this is to partake of a rich diet.
When this latter period is safely past the
patient can look forward to attaining the age of
100."

"If everyone cultivated the two-meal a day
habit there would be absolutely no need for
Mr. Upton Sinclair's extreme measures. It
is the mid-day meal which costs the British
nation millions of pounds every year, and which
is responsible for an extraordinary amount of
ill-health. I myself tried Mr. Sinclair's cure
for a month, and I found it for three days at
the end of which I faint, and then proceeded
to enjoy a good English breakfast."

WATER AS FOOD.

An example of the benefit derived from Mr.
Upton Sinclair's "cure" was given to an *Es-
press* representative by the patient of a West
End specialist.

"I was suffering from all kinds of internal
complaints," he said, "and as a final
resource I was advised to fast. I carried
through my fast for six days, the only nourish-
ment I took being distilled water. The worst
period of my fast was during the first few
hours, when I think imagination must have
played the greatest part in the pain that ragged
within. I did not feel comfortable until the end
of the second day, when I felt satisfied, although
at the same time I looked forward to my meal
of distilled water."

"All through the fast I took little exercise,
although it was not until the seventh day that
I really began to feel weak. At this time the
most surprising feat would not have seemed
impossible. I gradually increased my diet, the
desire for food grew, and with it came returning
strength and a general improvement in my
health. I take this 'cure' every three months,
but only for periods of three days, and since I
have done so, none of my old troubles have shown
any signs of returning."

RUSSIAN EXPERIMENT.

Mr. W. G. George, the famous runner, who
holds the world's record, made the
following offer to those who would care to join
him in an experiment similar to that under-
taken by Mr. Sinclair:

"To the Editor of the *Express*.
Sir, I was greatly interested by your articles
relating to Mr. Upton Sinclair's remedy of fast-
ing for health. I have for some time had the
idea of subjecting myself to some such treat-
ment as he has successfully undergone, but I
wanted to make my trial on a sea trip, as I
believe that is the best place for such an
experiment."

"I am perfectly convinced that ninety-nine
out of a hundred people of the better class
eat too much food—many of them eat double
the quantity necessary to good and perfect
health, and again, many people do not take a
sufficiently of exercise to assist digestion."

"I have had a long and particularly successful
experience of athletics and training, and during
that time I have probably made as many ex-
periments as anyone as to the proper ex-
ercise to take in order to bring about the
best results—both ethically and from a
health point of view—yet I am certain that
there is a lot to be learned in the direction of
abstaining from food and drink, and it is for
this purpose that I am so anxious to put the
fasting method to a test personally."

"As a youth I was particularly fragile and
delicate, but that state became altered as I
grew older by paying a true and proper
attention to diet and exercise, digestive rest
having its place among the various other
experiments tried, and as a result of such
care and attention I am to-day, at the age of
fifty-two, a well-preserved man, constitutionally
sound and strong in every way, although there
are few men who have attempted to accomplish
half as much as I have managed to accomplish
athletically."

"During the last two or three years, however,
I have found that it is far more difficult to walk
my twenty or thirty miles than it used to be,
and my day's fishing now and then tries me
more than it used to do, while even to run
upstairs is trying."

"This, to my way of thinking, should not be,
and I am convinced that it is lack of knowledge
of the right way of feeding, or abstention
therefrom, that is the cause of the trouble,
because it is trouble of the stomach, the digestive
organs, the liver and kidneys only that worries
me in any way."

"Although these troubles when they arise are
not severe, and are relieved quickly by plentiful
doses of cold or hot water, with a little extra
care in feeding, they still exist, and will
necessarily get worse as time goes on, if allowed
to. That is the reason why I want to make a
real fasting cure experiment."

"I should be only too pleased to make one of,
say, half a dozen athletes selected from the
active list and from among the 'old cracks,'
together with a few chronic dyspeptics, who
would conventionally undertake to carry out
some such regime as that outlined by Mr.
Upton Sinclair. Should any persons feel dis-
posed to join me in this experiment, I would be
glad to hear from them."

BALLROOM IN FLAMES.

THE HUNGARIAN DISASTER.

Details are now to hand of the awful catas-
trophe which was reported in our telegram
columns three weeks ago.

The *Daily Telegraph* correspondent tele-
graphed on March 28th from Vienna:
An appalling catastrophe has been reported
from Budapest. At the Hungarian village of
Ookocrita a ball was given last night in a coach-
house attached to an inn, the dance being
attended not only by the local residents and their
wives, but by people from several of the sur-
rounding villages.

As a small fee had been charged for admission,
the proprietor of the inn nailed large boards
across the main entrance to the coachhouse,
leaving only a narrow opening free.
When the ball was at its height the boards
owing to some cause which has not yet been
discovered, and spread with astonishing rapidity
through the wooden structure. Many of the
burning decorations fell upon the party, setting
fire to the women's dresses.

A rush was at once made to the narrow door,
but at the same moment the huge roof fell in.
At least 250 of the unfortunate dancers were
instantly killed, and several hundred others were
so severely burnt that the lives of most of them
are despaired of.

A later message stated:—The shocking disaster
which has thrown the village of Ookocrita into
mourning took place under circumstances which
were unfortunately only too favourable for the
rapid outbreak of a terrible conflagration, for
the great, barn-like erection where the dancing
was going on was still copiously decorated with
pine-branches, which had been put up for a
previous entertainment, and were now as dry as
 tinder, to which decorations were added Chinese
 lanterns, with candles burning in them.

The building was not only packed with vil-
lagers, but escape was rendered more difficult
by the fact that just before the ball began, all
the ticket-holders having arrived, the single narrow
door to the building was nailed up, to prevent
unauthorised persons from gaining entrance.
Dancing was in full swing when one of the
pine branches caught fire. The flames spread
with astounding rapidity, and a dreadful panic
ensued.

Losing their heads completely, the revellers,
many with their clothes afire, rushed towards
the exit, where they at once became jammed
together in a pushing, straying mass, many fall-
ing down and being trampled under foot, while
those who had reached the door first, crushed
helplessly against it by the pressure of those
behind, were unable to open it.

Meanwhile, the fire spread and spread with
morbid speed, the roaring and crackling of
the flames mingling with the despairing shrieks
of the doomed throng.

Then the roof crashed in, the blazing wreckage
falling on the people, so that many who had so
far escaped the flames were struck down by
beams or buried under the debris.

Over 200 human beings, old and young,
grandparents and grandchildren, girls in the
flower of their youth and burly rustic swains,
lost their lives, while the appearance of the body
injured is not down at an even higher figure.
The scene of the catastrophe presents a horri-
fying spectacle, charred corpses lying in heaps
one on top of another, while heartrending
groans and screams of still living victims are
yet heard from amid the smoking piles.

The whole neighbourhood is stricken with the
deepest gloom. Hardly a locality in the district
but has been afflicted by the disaster, as the
festivity was attended by pleasure-seekers from
the whole surrounding country.

Of the members of two bands, who were
playing the dance music only three escaped.
Some of the dancers, who, with burning
clothes, managed to get clear of the ruined barn,
ran out into the open, but collapsed before they
had got far. Troops have been sent for to help
bury the dead.

The number of those who perished is officially
estimated at 290.

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MANY ADAPTATIONS OF THE MAGYAR DESIGN

The Magyar Blouse, which cannot be produced
with sufficient rapidity to satisfy the demand, is
being found capable of many adaptations.

Designed at first for morning wear, it has been
so successful, and is found to suit the English-
woman's figure so perfectly, that clever makers
are proving that it can be rendered a useful and
becoming garment for the restaurant and
theatre toilette.

The changes wrought are as follows: The
wrist-long sleeves and undersleeves that are added are
made of transparent tulle or lace in flash tints
thus imparting the effect of an evening corsage.
For the rest, the seamless aspect is preserved,
and the blouse fastens at the back, after the
manner of the original design.

The evening Magyar blouse is made of the
finest chiffon sewn with elaborately designed
embroideries outlined with jet and sparkling
crystals, which give the blouse the appearance
of a corsage of medieval aspect. Fine soutache
is employed as a decoration in the form of a
band starting from left to right across the
front. These motifs of trimming are a new de-
vice for the day-time blouse, and are added to
the unpatterned silks and Shantung.

The beautiful bandanna handkerchiefs and Persian
shawl silks that are used require no trimming.
Fifty models were sold, it is said, the first
morning the new blouse made its appearance in
the shop-window of an establishment. They
are now selling in thousands. Different names
are given in different quarters to the blouse,
among them being the Jumper, the Kimono,
the Polly, and the infans.

SOUTH AFRICAN MINERS' MENU.

One of the problems confronting South
Africa is the high scale of wages—£1 a day—
which the artisan and miner are able to demand.
A correspondent suggests that there is no
economic justification for such wages when the
ordinary miner lives for £5 10s a month, in-
cluding lodging, in the style shown by the
accompanying dinner menu, which is that of
the Robinson Deep Co-operative Mess:

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & NEW- CHANG VIA NINGPO	"KWEIYANG"	On 21st April, 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"ANHUI"	On 21st April, 4 P.M.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, THURS- DAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	"TAIYUAN"	On 21st April, 4 P.M.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SHAOHSING"	On 21st April, 4 P.M.
CEBU & ILOILO	"KAIFONG"	On 23rd April, 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHINHUA"	On 24th April, 4 P.M.
MANILA	"TEAN"	On 26th April, 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	On 28th April, 4 P.M.
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INDO-CHINA S. NAV. CO., LD.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW	"HANGSANG"	Thursday, 21st April, Noon.
SHANGHAI	"YATSHING"	Friday, 22nd April, Noon.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & MOJI	"NAMSANG"	Friday, 22nd April, Noon.
TIENTSIN	"CHEPISHING"	Friday, 22nd April, Noon.
MANILA	"YUENSANG"	Friday, 22nd April, 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHOYSANG"	Tuesday, 26th April, Noon.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"FOOKSANG"	Wednesday, 27th April, Noon.
MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Friday, 29th April, 4 P.M.

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DESTINATIONS.	STEAMERS.	TONS.	SAILING DATES.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGA- PORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	KITANO MARU Capt. F. E. Cora, IYO MARU Capt. R. Takoda, HIRANO MARU Capt. H. Eraser,	9,000 7,000 9,000	WEDNESDAY, 27th April, at Daylight. WEDNESDAY, 11th May, at Daylight. WEDNESDAY, 25th May, at Daylight.

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SADO MARU Capt. S. Horiuchi, 7,000, SATURDAY, 21st May, from Kobe.

VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, and YOKOHAMA

INABA MARU Capt. K. Kawara, 7,000, TUESDAY, 26th April, at Noon.

TAMBA MARU Capt. K. Sato, 7,000, TUESDAY, 24th May, at Noon.

SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE

NIKKO MARU Capt. M. Yagi, 6,000, FRIDAY, 13th May, at Noon.

KUMANO MARU Capt. M. Winkler, 6,000, FRIDAY, 10th June, at Noon.

SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBE

BINGO MARU Capt. S. J. G. Parsons, 7,000, MONDAY, 25th April, at Noon.

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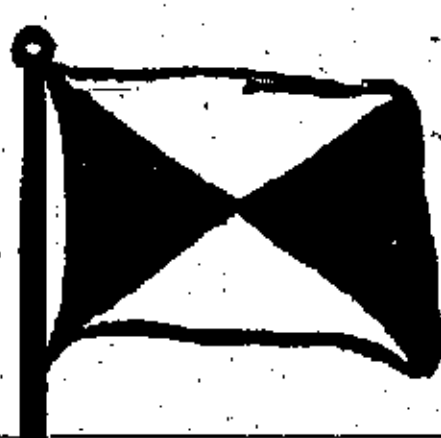
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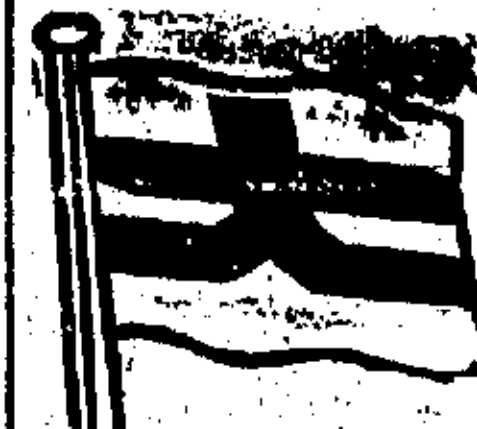
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BENJAMIN, British str., 2,505, Krobia, 17th April—Moji 12th April, Coal—Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
BUJUN MARU, Japanese str., 1,304, Y. Fuseno, 17th April—Shanghai via Swatow 16th April, General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.		
BUJO MARU, Japanese str., 3,573, Hashimoto, 14th April—Moji 8th April, Coal and General—Toyo Kisen Kaisha.		
CALCAS, British str., 3,643, Rodway, 19th April—Shanghai 16th April, General—Butterfield & Swire.		
CHINOTOPU, Chinese str., 1,459, Joers, 14th April—Saigon 10th April, Rice—Wallen & Co.		
CHOISING, German str., 1,021, Bonhn, 16th April—Kobe 7th and Swatow 15th April, General—Butterfield & Swire.		
CHINA, Austrian str., 2,868, J. Berguggian, 18th April—Singapore 12th April, General—Sender, Wieler & Co.		
DAYA MARU, Japanese str., 1,735, Kobayashi, 17th April—Moji 12th April, Coal—Mitsui Bishi Goshi Kaisha.		
DRUPAR, Norwegian str., 1,102, J. Bing, 16th April—Bangkok 8th April, General—Aagaard, Thoresen & Co.		
EMPEROR OF CHINA, British str., 5,947, R. Archibald, R.N.R., 2nd April—Vancouver 11th March, General—C. P. R. & Co.		
GLENSHIRE, British str., 3,054, J. McGillivray, 17th April—Shanghai 14th April, General—Shewan, Thomas & Co.		
HANGSANG, British str., 1,355, S. Wilde, 16th April—Shanghai and Swatow 12th April, General—Gibb, Livingstone & Co.		
HENRIK JENSEN, Norwegian str., 2,394, Chr. Smith, 11th April—Portland via Moji 6th April, Flour—Pacific Mail.		
HINMANG, British str., 1,536, Smith, 13th April—Saigon 8th April, Rice and Paddy—Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
INABA MARU, Japanese str., 6,189, K. Kawara, 17th April—Shanghai 14th April, General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.		
KAIPOING, British str., 967, Warrack, 19th April—Cebu and Hilo 15th April, Hemp—Butterfield & Swire.		
KERMUN, British str., 5,865, R. J. Conradi, 19th April—Manila 17th April, General—Butterfield & Swire.		
KJELD, Norwegian str., 910, Helsoe, 9th April—Manila 6th April, General—Aagaard, Thoresen & Co.		
KORAT, German str., 1,223, W. Schmidt, 18th April—Bangkok and Kohsiang 7th April, Rice—Butterfield & Swire.		
KORBA, American str., 5,651, J. W. Saunders, 18th April—San Francisco via Ports 22nd March, General—P. M. S. S. Co.		
KWANGLOO, Chinese str., 1,468, Lincoln, 16th April—Shanghai 12th April, General—C. M. S. N. Co.		
KWANGLOO, British str., 1,226, J. Dowson, 14th April—Tientsin 10th April, General—Butterfield & Swire.		
MEZFOO, Chinese str., 1,359, J. McArthur, 19th April—Shanghai 16th April, General—C. M. S. N. Co.		
SHAOHSING, British str., 1,307, McIntosh, 19th April—Shanghai 15th April, General—Butterfield & Swire.		
SINGAPORE, British str., 1,215, F. Jamieson, 18th April—Manila 16th April, General—Butterfield & Swire.		
SEVERO, British str., 4,060, E. S. Cowley, 19th April—Seattle Wash. U.S.A., 8th March. Flour and Fish—Doddwell & Co.		
TAIYUAN, British str., 1,459, L. Dawson, 6th April—Australian Ports, General—C. S. N. Co.		
TELEMACHOS, British str., 1,340, Edwards, 17th April—Saigon 13th April, General—Wo Fat Sing.		
TEYO MARU, Japanese str., 7,265, Ernest Bent, 12th April—San Francisco via ports 15th March, General—Toyo Kisen Kaisha.		
TEYGER, British str., G. W. Parkinson, 17th April—Tacoma 23rd March, General—Butterfield & Swire.		
TIENTAI, German str., 1,002, S. Hayanga, 16th April—Bangkok 9th April, Rice and Meal—Butterfield & Swire.		
YANSHING, British str., 1,424, S. J. Payne, 13th April—Daisy 12th April, Coal—Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
YUENSANG, British str., 1,128, P. H. Rolfe, 18th April—Manila 15th April, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
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1st and 2nd inst.	23rd inst.	Chitwen.	

The Australian, with the French mail of the 25th ult., left Singapore on Monday, the 18th inst., at 5.30 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 25th inst.

FOR	PER	DATE
Europe, &c., India via Taticorin	Prin. Ludwig	Thursday, 21st, 8.00 A.M. Registration, Kowloon B.O., 8.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Colombo	Nile	Thursday, 21st, 11.00 A.M.
Swatow and Shanghai	Hangchow	Thursday, 21st, 11.00 A.M.
Bangkok	Drifur	Thursday, 21st, 1.15 P.M.
Macao	Sui Tai	Thursday, 21st, 2.00 P.M.
Ningpo, Waihaiwei, Chefoo and Newchwang	Kueiyang	Thursday, 21st, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow and Shanghai	Shaoching	Thursday, 21st, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Anhui	Thursday, 21st, 3.00 P.M.
Manila, Zamboanga, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, Dunedin, Perth and Fremantle	Taiyuan	Thursday, 21st, 3.00 P.M.
Mojil, Manzanillo, Mazatlan, Guaymas (Mexico)	Gionfarg	Thursday, 21st, 3.00 P.M.
Amoy	Typhoon	Thursday, 21st, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiting	Friday, 22nd, 9.00 A.M.
Fort Bayard, Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Yaching	Friday, 22nd, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Suicic	Friday, 22nd, 11.00 A.M.
Manila	Chipsing	Friday, 22nd, 11.00 A.M.
Tientsin	Namsang	Friday, 22nd, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Kobe and Moji	Sui Tai	Friday, 22nd, 1.15 P.M.
Macao	Sui Tai	Friday, 22nd, 2.00 P.M.
Singapore and Colombo	Glamorganshire	Friday, 22nd, 3.00 P.M.
Manila	Yuenang	Friday, 22nd, 3.00 P.M.
Manila, Yap, Angaur, Friedrich Wilhelmshafen, Rabaul, Herbertshohe, Matupi, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle	Coblens	Saturday, 23rd, 9.00 A.M.
Manila	Zafro	Saturday, 23rd, 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco	Tenyo Maru	Saturday, 23rd, 10.00 A.M.
Macao	Sui Tai	Saturday, 23rd, 11.00 A.M.
Cebu and Iloilo	Kaifong	Saturday, 23rd, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver (B.C.) SIBERIAN MAIL TO EUROPE	Empress of China	Saturday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama and Yokohama	Breconshire	Saturday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama and Portland	Hercules	Saturday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Chinhua	Saturday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Borneo	Sunday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui	Daigi Maru	Sunday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiting	Tuesday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Ochiyang	Tuesday, 26th, 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Shimidzu, Yokohama, Victoria and Seattle	Inaba Maru	Tuesday, 26th, 10.00 A.M.
Europe, &c., India via Taticorin (Late Letters 11.00 A.M. to Noon Extra Postage 10 cents) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail)	Oceanien	Tuesday, 26th, 11.00 A.M.
Manila	Taan	Tuesday, 26th, 2.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Colombo	Kitiano Maru	Tuesday, 26th, 5.00 P.M.
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu, Manzanillo, Salina, Cruz, Callao, Iquique, Valparaiso and Coronel	Buyo Maru	Wednesday, 27th, 11.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Fooksang	Wednesday, 27th, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Chonan	Thursday, 28th, 3.00 P.M.
Manila	Loonyang	Friday, 29th, 3.00 P.M.

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SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, APRIL 20TH, 1910.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS CASH.
BANKS.				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$985, sales
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	£7	£6	\$76, buyers
Hell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,604	12/6	12/6	\$10, buyers
China Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	\$12	\$113, sellers
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$12, sellers
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	\$10	\$84, buyers
COFFIN MILLS.				
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 137.
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	\$10	\$53, sellers
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 61.
Loan-Kung-Mow C. Spin. & Weav. Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 70.
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Limited	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	Tls. 300.
DOCKS AND WHARVES.				
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$74	\$6	\$184, buyers
Hongkong & Wharves Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$58, sellers
Hongkong & Wharves Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$53, sellers
Hongkong & Wharves Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$50	all	\$5, sellers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 80.
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.	36,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 125.
GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED	18,000	\$25	\$25	\$10, sellers
HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS CO., LIMITED	400,000	\$10	\$10	\$73, sales
HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LIMITED	7,000	\$10	all	\$205.
HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$20, buyers
HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED	12,000	\$50	\$50	\$1073.
HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LIMITED	8,000	\$25	all	\$253.
INSURANCE.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$170, buyers
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$111, buyers
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$85.33	\$25	\$873, ex. d.
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$170, buyers
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$25	\$25	\$115.
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	\$350, sales
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	12,400	\$100	\$60	\$230.
LANDS AND BUILDINGS.				
Hongkong Land Investment Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	\$100	\$100, buyers
Hongkong Land Investment Agency Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	\$10	\$28, buyers
Hongkong Land Investment Agency Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	\$50	Tls. 110.
Hongkong Land Investment Agency Co., Ltd.	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	\$40, sellers
Hongkong Land Investment Agency Co., Ltd.	12,500	\$50	\$50	\$40, sellers
MINING.				
Societe Francaise des Charbons de Tonkin	16,000	Fes. 250	all	\$625, buyers
South Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	£1	18/10	\$84, sal. & buy.
Peak Tramways Co., Limited	25,000	\$10	all	\$15, sal. & buy.
Philippine Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$11, buyers
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$170, sal. & buy.
Luxon Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$29, sellers
Robinson Piano Co., Limited	4,000	\$50	\$50	\$50, sellers
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$83.
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$74.
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$30, sellers
Iado-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000 pref.	£5	all	73, £26.10
Shell Steam & Trading Co., Limited	60,000 def.	£1	£1	94, buyers
Star Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$25, sellers
South China Morning Post, Limited	6,000	\$25	\$25	\$25, buyers
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$5	\$5	\$5.
STORES AND DISPENSARIES.				
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$10	all	\$10.
Wm. Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	\$7	\$3, sellers
Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$4, buyers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	\$10	\$63, buyers
Weissmann, Limited	3,000	\$10	\$10	\$10, buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,900 ordy.	\$10	\$10	\$12, sellers
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	100 shares	\$10	\$10	\$300.
RUBBERS.				
Singapore and Johore	—	—	—	\$30 (Str.)
Balagones	—	—	—	\$26 (Str.)
Pegohs	—	—	—	\$65 (Str.)
Allegars	—	—	—	9/
Anglo-Malays	—	—	—	25/
Castelfields, fully paid	—	—	—	120/
Consolidated Malay	—	—	—	280/
Damansaras	—	—	—	190/
Highlands and Low	—	—	—	200/
Kamuning	—	—	—	13/6 prem.
Kuala Lumpur	—	—	—	265/
Lohary's	—	—	—	125/
Lingay's	—	—	—	70/
Sapong	—	—	—	46/
Shalfords	—	—	—	95/
Sungai-Kapars	—	—	—	215/
United Serdangs	—	—	—	170/
Bukit Kajangs	—	—	—	100/
Eastern and Internal	—	—	—	52/6 prem.
London Ventures	—	—	—	12/6
Sunstra Paras	—	—	—	18/
Medemans	—	—	—	8/6
Bata Tigs	—	—	—	135/
LOANS.				
Chinese Imperial 1886	Tls. 767,200	Tls. 250	7% p. annum	Par.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Indo-China str. *Laisang* from Calcutta and the Straits left Singapore for this port on the 19th inst.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. str. *Asiatic*, with the French Mail of the 27th ult., and mails from London of the 26th ult., left Singapore on the 18th inst., at 5.50 a.m., and is expected to arrive here on Monday, the 25th inst., and will leave for Shanghai and Japan on the same afternoon.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The I.G.M. str. *Prins Waldemar* left Sydney on the 9th inst., at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 1st prox.

The E. & A. str. *Empire* left Sydney on the 13th inst., via Queensland Port, Port Darwin, Timor and Manila.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. str. *Empress of India* left Vancouver for Hongkong via usual ports of call on the 7th inst., at p.m.

The C.P.R. str. *Monteagle* left Vancouver for Hongkong via usual ports of call on Wednesday the 13th inst., a.m.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The H.A. Line str. *Silesia* left Singapore on the 14th inst. p.m., and may be expected here to-day.

The Swedish str. *Peking* left Singapore on the 15th inst., and may be expected here to-day p.m.

The German str. *Borneo* left Sandakan on the 16th inst. evening, and may be expected here to-morrow.

The Bank Line Ltd.'s str. *Oceano* left Victoria, B.C., on the 9th inst. for Hongkong via Japan ports.

The str. *Ben Nevis* from Bombay is due here on or about 23rd inst.

The P. & O. str. *Borneo* left Singapore for this port on the 16th inst., at 7.00 a.m., and is due here on the 23rd inst., at about 2 p.m.

The S.S. str. *Brownlie* left Singapore for Hongkong on the 15th inst., and may be expected here on or about 23rd inst.

The N.Y.K. str. *Bingo Maru* (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port direct on the 10th inst., and is expected here on the 25th inst.

The N.Y.K. str. *Kiwa Maru* (Panama Line) left Yokohama for this port via Kobe, Moji and Shanghai on the 13th inst., and is expected here on the 25th inst.

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE

From April 21st to 27th, 1910.

Date	High Water.				Low Water.			
	Hour	Min.	Height	Direction	Hour	Min.	Height	Direction
Thurs. 21	11	55	4.2	W	5	15	1.0	E
Fri. 22	12	35	4.3	W	6	10	1.1	E
Sat. 23	13	15	4.4	W	7	05	1.2	E
Sun. 24	14	00	4.5	W	8	00	1.3	E
Mon. 25	14	45	4.6	W	8	55	1.4	E
Tues. 26	15	35	4.7	W	9	50	1.5	E
Wed. 27	16	25	4.8	W	10	45	1.6	E

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, April 20th

	Previous Day	On Date at 10 a.m.	On Date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	29.81	29.81	29.80
Thermometer	89	84	87
Humidity	91	84	86
Wind Direction	W	E	SSW
Force	4	2	1
Weather	0	0	or
Rain	—	0.62	—

Highest open air Temperature on 19th..... 76
Lowest open air Temperature on 19th..... 60

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TO-DAY.

11 a.m.—Auction of Drapery, &c. at Sales Rooms, by Messrs. Hughes & Tongh.

FORECOMING EVENTS.

Friday, 22nd April.—Auction of Valuable Leasehold Property at Sales Rooms, by Messrs. Hughes & Tongh, 3 p.m.
Monday, 25th April.—Bandmann No. 1 Opera Co., at Theatre Royal—"The Arcadian," 9 p.m.
Saturday, 30th April.—Twenty-First Ordinary General Meeting of The Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., Noon.
Saturday, 30th April.—Second Annual Dinner of Kowloon Cricket Club, at Hongkong Hotel.

COMMERCIAL.

EXCHANGE
CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

April 20th.

ON LONDON:	Telegraphic Transfer	1/4
	Bank Bills, on demand	1/4
	Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	1/4
	Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1/4
	Bank Bills, at 6 months' sight	1/4
	Documentary Bills 4 months' sight	1/4
ON PARIS:	Bank Bills, on demand	224
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	224
ON GERMANY:	On demand	152
ON NEW YORK:	Bank Bills, on demand	433
	Credits, at 60 days' sight	442
ON BOMBAY:	Telegraphic Transfer	132
	Bank, on demand	132
ON CALCUTTA:	Telegraphic Transfer	132
	Bank, on demand	132
ON SHANGHAI:	Bank, at sight	744
	Private, 30 days' sight	75
ON YOKOHAMA:	On demand	37
ON MANILA:	On demand—Pesos	37
ON SINGAPORE:	On demand	75
ON BATAVIA:	On demand	106
ON HONGKONG:	On demand	7
ON SAIGON:	On demand	57</